

# THE FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS MODESTOS PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM

On Saturday, December 18/31, 2022, the commemoration of our Holy Father among the Saints Modestos Patriarch of Jerusalem was celebrated by the Patriarchate in the Holy Monastery named after him, which is located on the hill of Abu Tor, in New Jerusalem, near the Hebron Street, leading to Bethlehem.

On this feast the Church of Jerusalem commemorates that Saint Modestos practised as a monk and an Archimandrite at the Holy Monastery of Saint Theodosios the Cenobiarch and later on as the Patriarch of the Holy City of Jerusalem renovated many Churches and Holy Monasteries and displayed a remarkable pastoral and charitable mission in the Church of Jerusalem, comforting his flock after the Persian invasion of 614.

On the morning of the feast, the Divine Liturgy was presided over by the Most Reverend Archbishop Filoumenos of Pella with the co-celebration of the Elder Kamarasis Archimandrite Nektarios, Archimandrite Makarios, the Arabic-speaking Priest Fr. Nektarios and Hierodeacon Simeon. The chanting was delivered by Mr Gotsopoulos as the service was attended by the Consul General of Greece in Jerusalem Mr Evangelos Vlioras and Consulate members, monks, nuns and pious pilgrims.

During the Divine Liturgy, His Beatitude our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem, Theophilos with his entourage visited the Holy Church for veneration.

After the Divine Liturgy, monk Antiochos, who renovated the Monastery, served a treat in the courtyard.

**From Secretariat-General**